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ACTION SCI-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-11 AID-20 AEC-11 NSC-07 NSF-04

INT-08 IO-14 DRC-01 RSC-01 /094 W
---------- 037890
R 240405Z APR 74
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1502
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
USDOC WASHDC

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: BEXP, TC
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: FLOATING DESALINATION PLANT FOR ABU DHABI

REF: STATE 067267

1. PLS INFORM AQUA-CHEM THAT THEIR PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY DEPT WATER AND ELECTRICITY IN FULL AND WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS THERE PLEASED. IN RECENT TELECON WITH CONTACTS THERE, EMB ASSURED THAT DECISION WILL BE MADE IN COMING WEEK (I.E. WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 27) BUT THEY UNABLE COMMENT AT THIS TIME. EMBOFFS, WHO KNOW CONTACTS WELL, EMPHASIZED THAT IT MATTER OF COURTESY AT LEAST INFORM AQUA-CHEM OF RECEPTION. ALSO STRESSED THAT THIS REQUEST RELAYED TO EMB AS MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY AND THEN APPEARED LANGUISH WITHIN DEPT. SINCE THIS NOT RPT NOT FIRST TIME EMB HAS GEARED UP WASH AND US FIRMS TO MEET URGENT NEED AND THEN NOTHING HAPPENED, FURTHER TOLD CONTACTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE CONSIDER WHETHER WE WOULD HANDLE REQUESTS THIS DEPT ON OTHER THAN ROUTINE BASIS IN FUTURE.

2. SHAIKH SUROOR, HEAD OF DEPT, HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM ABU DHABI ON TOUR OF UAE BY PRES SHAIKH ZAYID FOR LAST WEEK OR MORE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TALK WITH HIM. WILL DO SO AS SOON AS HE RETURNS ABU DHABI, PROBABLY IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. BELIEVE HIS ABSENCE MAY BE PRIME
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FACTOR IN DELAY OF DECISION ALTHOUGH WE BEGINNING PICK UP INFO

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THAT POSSIBLE COMPETITORS, INCLUDING WEIR-WESTGARTH, IN
ACTION LOCALLY TO TRY PRE-EMPT SALE. USDOC CAN BE ASSURED
EMB FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT WHEN AND IF
THERE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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